

Remarks

Claims 1, 4-5, 8-10, and 13 remain in the application. Claims 2-3, 6-7, 11-12 and 14-20 are hereby canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 8, 10, and 13 are hereby amended. No new matter has been added.

Rejections--35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 1, 10 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, under the written description requirement. Claim 14 is hereby canceled without prejudice. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection with respect to claims 1 and 10 as currently amended.

The language “the document is supplied by the user of the printing vending machine without content from the printing services device” has been deleted from claims 1 and 10.

Instead, in claim 1, the claim element at issue now recites “a receiver unit within said housing unit and which is configured to receive the electronic document information from a portable media device”. This receiver unit reads, for example, upon the electronic media device 24 in the vending machine 10 which is shown in FIGS. 1 and 2 and described in the original specification.

For example, page 4, lines 23-24 of the original specification recites, “The vending machine 10 includes an electronic media device 24 where portable media can be input into the vending machine 10.” As further recited on page 8, lines 11-14, “... the vending machine 10 retrieves the electronic data representing the document ... from a portable media device stored in the electronic media device 24.”

Similarly, the claim element at issue now recites “a receiver means within said housing unit and which is configured to receive the electronic document information”. This receiver means also reads upon the electronic media device

24 in the vending machine 10 which is shown in FIGS. 1 and 2 and described in the original specification.

Hence, for at least the above-discussed reasons, applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 10 as amended now overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.

Claims 3 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 3 and 20 are hereby canceled without prejudice. Hence, this rejection is now moot.

Rejection–35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 1-6, 8-11 and 13-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as anticipated by Kolls (USP 6,604,087). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejections with respect to the pending claims 1, 4-5, 8-10 and 13 .

Claim 1, as amended, now recites as follows.

1. (currently amended) A printing vending machine for printing a document electronic document information supplied by a user, the vending machine comprising:

a housing unit;

a receiver unit **within said housing unit** and which is configured to receive the electronic document information from a portable media device;

a payment authorization unit **within said housing unit**;

a printer **within said housing unit** and which is coupled to the receiver unit and the payment authorization unit; and

an output bin **within said housing unit** and which is coupled to the printer,

wherein the printer prints the electronic document information as a printed document upon indication from the payment authorization unit and delivers the printed document to the output bin.

(Emphasis added.)

Claim 1, as hereby amended, now requires “a housing unit” within which are the other elements, including the receiver unit, the payment authorization unit, the printer, and the output bin. The housing unit of the vending machine 10 is shown by the outer “box” in FIGS. 1 and 2. As discussed on page 4, lines 15-16 of the original specification, “The front view of the printing services vending machine 10 incorporates a housing unit comprising, an LCD touch screen 20, an output bin 22,” FIG. 1 of the present application is reproduced below for convenience.

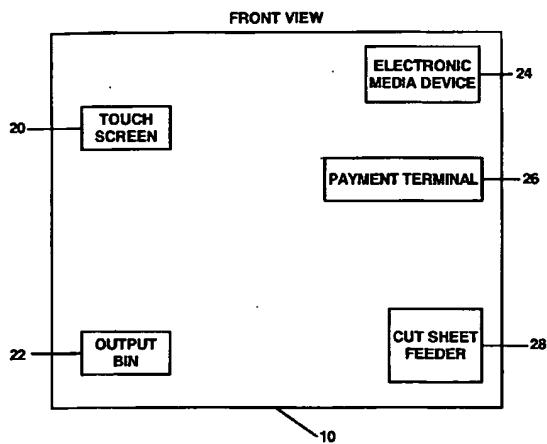


FIG. 1

This requirement of the various elements being within the housing unit is neither disclosed nor suggested by Kolls. In fact, as illustrated, for example, in FIG. 3B of Kolls, the business center system of Kolls is not within a single housing unit. For convenience, FIG. 3B is reproduced below.

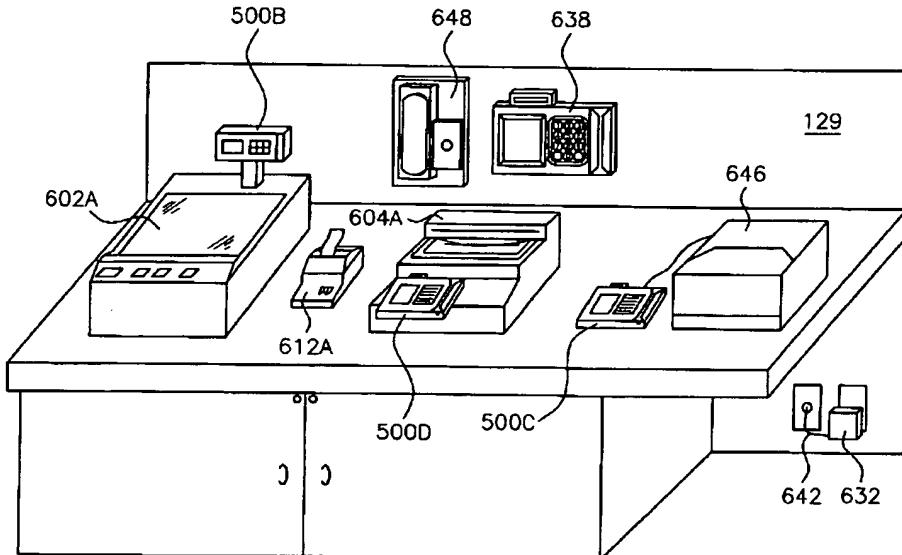


FIG. 3B

Claims 4-5 and 8-9 depend from claim 1. As such, these claims are patentable for at least the same reasons as discussed above in relation to claim 1.

Claim 10 is hereby amended similarly as claim 1. Claim 10 now requires a housing unit, and that the receiver means, payment authorization means, memory means, and printer means are within said housing unit. As such, claim 10 is patentable for at least the same reasons as discussed above in relation to claim 1.

Claim 13 depends from claim 1. As such, claim 13 is patentable for at least the same reasons as discussed above in relation to claim 10.

Rejection–35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 7, 12, and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as unpatentable over Kolls (USP 6,604,087). Claims 7, 12, and 16 are hereby canceled without prejudice. Hence, this rejection is now moot.

Conclusion

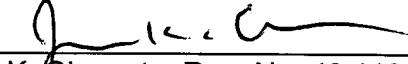
For the above-discussed reasons, applicants believe that the pending claims are now patentably distinguished over the cited art. Favorable action is respectfully requested.

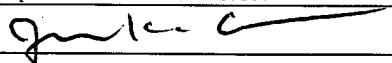
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